



February 18, 2009

SENATE BILL No. 293

DIGEST OF SB 293 (Updated February 16, 2009 9:41 pm - DI 106)

Citations Affected: IC 11-11.

Synopsis: Stationery and postage for indigent offenders. Provides that the department of correction (DOC) shall provide every indigent offender, without cost, a reasonable amount of stationery, envelopes, and postage for transmission of correspondence. Provides that other offenders may purchase stationery, envelopes, and postage, and that all offenders may use interoffice mail to communicate with the DOC and with other agencies of state government. Specifies that the DOC shall provide offenders with the ability to prepare and send legal mail without charge. (Under current law, the DOC is required to provide all offenders with stationery, envelopes, and postage.)

Effective: July 1, 2009.

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January 7, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on Corrections, Criminal, and Civil Matters.
February 17, 2009, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2008 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning corrections.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 11-11-3-5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 5. (a) The department
3 shall provide a confined person, without cost, a reasonable amount of
4 stationery, envelopes, and postage for transmission of correspondence,
5 and shall make available for purchase by incarcerated offenders
6 additional stationery, envelopes, and postage.

7 (b) In accordance with rules adopted by the department, the
8 department shall provide every indigent offender, without cost, a
9 reasonable amount of stationery, envelopes, and postage for
10 transmission of correspondence.

11 (c) In accordance with rules adopted by the department,
12 offenders shall have the ability to use interoffice mail without
13 charge to correspond with the department and with other agencies
14 of state government.

15 (d) In accordance with rules adopted by the department,
16 offenders shall have the ability to prepare and send legal mail
17 without charge.

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1 (e) The department shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to
2 implement this section.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Corrections, Criminal, and Civil Matters, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 293, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 1, line 15, after "(d)" insert **"In accordance with rules adopted by the department, offenders shall have the ability to prepare and send legal mail without charge.**

(e)".

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 293 as introduced.)

STEELE, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 6, Nays 3.

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